(iii) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

(iv) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

(v) Watershed Development Programme (WDP)

(vi) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)

(vii) Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP).

These schemes are designed to provide employment and generate income, thereby improving the living conditions of the rural poor, besides contributing to overall development of rural areas.

National Policy on barren land management

4312. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate National Policy on barren land management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. However, Department of Land Resources implements three area development programmes *viz.* Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for improving the productivity of barren/wastelands. All these programmes are implemented on watershed basis. All wastelands programmes would be carried under Hariyali from 1.4.2003 onwards.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Drinking water to villages of Shimla

†4313. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received applications of people of three villages Thali, Jangla and Badiyara under ChadaonTehsil of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh as well as the proposal passed by gram panchayat, Jangla for providing drinking water to these villages;

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(b) the action being taken by Government thereon and by when drinking water will be provided to these villages';

(c) whether Government have received any application from the residents of Thali village as well as the proposal passed by the panchayat for connecting their village with metallic road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; and

(d) if so, action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Provision of drinking water to villages is the responsibility of the State Government. Government of India supplements State Government's efforts under accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) to attain the target of providing safe drinking water to people in rural areas. Under Swajaldhara, community led drinking water supply programme, no proposals for these villages have been received in this Department.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana proposals are yet to be forwarded by the State Government.

Funds allocated to Uttaranchal under employment schemes

†4314. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Uttaranchal till date under the Jawahar Grameen Rojgar Yojana since the creation of the said State;

(b) the details of employment opportunities created under the said scheme in the State during the said period; and

(c) the district-wise number of persons in the State benefited under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) There is no Scheme called Jawahar Grameen Rojgar Yojana. The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched with effect from 25th September, 2001 after merging the existing the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY). Both the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) were continued as parts of the SGRY upto

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